Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was opened some 6 years ago.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What have been the effects that were noticed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The main effect of the Inchamudi canal was to increase the capacity of the river itself. It depresses the surface slope of the floods and the river was made to take more water for the same height of floods.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* When will the Government carry out items Nos. 4, 7 and 8 in the list?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As regards the Moorkanad canal there have been some representations against widening the canal. I am looking into that question.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it still under consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

BRIDGES—CONSTRUCTION OF

295. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them in the proposals for the construction of the following bridges in view of the assurances given by them in reply to cut motions (Public Works) (*i*) No. 18 (Bridge connecting Kunnamkulam and Mangad), (*ii*) No. 21 (Bridge connecting Anjur and Kattakampal at Cheruvallikadavu) and (*iii*) No. 22 (Culvert No. 14 near the Vilangan Hill in the Trichur-Kunnamkulam Road) on 27th July 1940 (last Budget Session)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As regards items (*i*) and (*ii*), details regarding the traffic statistics at the places have been called for from the Assistant Engineer. Item (*iii*) could not be taken up this year due to other pressing works of reconstruction of culverts requiring precedence.

ROAD WORKS—USE OF THE CATERPILLAR MACHINE

296. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കഞ്ഞൻ നമ്പൂതിരിപ്പാട്: ദയവുചെയ്ത ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തെ കാറ്റർപില്ലർ മിഷ്യൻ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു സംരക്ഷിച്ചുവരുന്ന റോഡുകളുടെ ആകെയുള്ള ദൂരം എത്ര;

(ബി) കൊല്ലത്തിൽ സാധാരണയായി എത്ര നാഴിക ദൂരം ഈ മിഷ്യൻ പ്രവൃത്തിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ട്;

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